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membership fee of \$5.00 was in the nature of a gratuity, many trustees thinking that they could not lawfully vote the money from public funds. This year, however, a *quid pro quo* is provided.

The reply has often been made when libraries have been approached to join the Association that they were already receiving the volume of *Proceedings* through their subscription to the *Library Journal*, and that one or more free copies of the *Booklist* was reaching members of their staff through membership in the A. L. A. It is now proposed that libraries which join the Association, paying an annual fee of \$5.00, shall receive in return free copies of the *Booklist*, the *Bulletin* and the *Proceedings*, and that neither the *Proceedings* nor the *Bulletin* shall be distributed to those who are not members of the Association. This places the trustees of a library in the position where they can rightfully and lawfully appropriate \$5.00 a year in payment of helpful literature which they receive.

We appeal, therefore, to each member of the American Library Association to make every effort towards a largely increased membership, a closer fellowship among the library workers throughout the country and an increase of income which will enable the Association to be of greater service to its membership and to the general library movement of the United States.

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Committee on Headquarters

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THE ASHEVILLE CONFERENCE

Program Committee

The twenty-ninth annual conference of the American Library Association will be held at Asheville, N. C., from Thursday, May 23, to Wednesday, May 29, inclusive. The Association has been glad to accept the invitation of our Southern members and friends, in the hope that the meeting may be as helpful to them as they expect, and in the certainty that their cordial welcome and the natural attractions of the country cannot fail to make it most pleasant to all.

The program has been based upon two or three leading principles. Believing that the greatest benefit is derived from the informal discussions of the meetings of the affiliated societies, sections and round tables, liberal provision has been made for these, and the general sessions have been limited to five, one each morning. At these general sessions there are to be two chief topics. The first is a review of the Southern library movement since the Atlanta Conference in 1899. A general paper on the subject will be followed by a series of shorter papers presenting the special conditions of each state. The other chief topic is the use of books. This will be discussed in a series of papers on the special points for different classes, both of books and of readers. Among the former may be mentioned

bibliography, law, medicine, history, science, art and fiction; among the latter, books for the blind, for teachers and for children. As an introduction the Association is to have the pleasure and profit of an address from Professor William B. Trent of Columbia University.

Two or three other features may be noted. Each of the affiliated societies has undertaken to furnish a paper for the general program, and one, the National Association of State Libraries, will meet in joint session. Another is the assignment of half a session to the Committee on Public Documents for a report, an address from the Superintendent of Documents, and discussion. Still another is the arrangement for a "Commercial Round Table," at which those interested in library and bibliographical aids, devices and methods may call to the attention of members matters which from their nature could not be placed upon the general program.

The Committee hope that the Conference thus outlined, by its emphasis of principles in the general sessions and the ample opportunities for the discussion of details in the sectional meetings, will offer something of interest to all members, that all who can will attend, and that none will regret doing so.

Tentative Program

Friday, May 24

9.30 A.M. First general session.

President's address—C. W. Andrews, Librarian The John Crerar Library, Chicago.

Address—Prof. W. P. Trent, Columbia University.

Report of Council and Executive Board.

Reports of officers:

Secretary—J. I. Wyer, Jr.

Treasurer—George F. Bowerman.

Trustees of Endowment Fund—C. C. Soule.

Reports of Committees:

Finance—C. H. Hastings, Title, Chairman.

Conduct of Headquarters—D. P. Corey, Chairman.

Catalog Rules—J. C. M. Hanson, Chairman.

Address—J. N. Larned, Ex-president American Library Association.

Paper—"The Use of Bibliography," Andrew Keogh, Reference Librarian Yale University Library.

2.30 P.M. National Association of State Libraries.

First session. James L. Gillis, California, President.

Catalog section. First session. William Warner Bishop, Reference Librarian Princeton University, Chairman.

Discussion of the Report of the A. L. A. Committee on Catalog Rules, referred by the General Association to the Catalog section. Anderson H. Hopkins, Librarian Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, will open the discussion.

Outline: (1) Brief survey of the work of the Committee since its organization in 1901. (2) Relations to the British Catalog Rules Revision Committee. Discussions since March, 1905, on the basis of the draft codes issued by the respective committees, viz.: *A. L. A. rules*, advance edition, issued in 1902 by the American Committee; Draft code. *Rules for an author and title catalog*, issued by the British Committee in 1904. (3) Summary of rules on which the committees have come to a full agreement. (4) Rules on which final agreement has not been reached. (5) Present state of the A. L. A. rules.

New York State Librarian School Association. Annual reunion and business meeting.

8.15 P.M. College and reference section.

First session. Theodore W. Koch, Librarian University of Michigan, Chairman. Trustees' section — W. T. Porter, Trustee of the Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, Chairman.

“Some Trustees” — D. P. Corey, President Public Library, Malden, Mass.

“Branch Libraries, with Suggestions to Trustees” — W. H. Brett, Librarian Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

League of Library Commissions. First session. Alice S. Tyler, Secretary of the Iowa Library Commission, President.

Saturday, May 25

9.30 A.M. Second general session.

Reports of Committees:

Library Architecture — C. R. Dudley, Librarian Denver Public Library, Chairman. Book-buying — A. E. Bostwick, Chief of Circulation Department, New York Public Library, Chairman.

International Relations — E. C. Richardson, Librarian Princeton University, Chairman.

Book-bindings and Book-papers — A. L. Bailey, Librarian Wilmington (Del.) Institute Free Library, Chairman.

Library Training — Mary W. Plummer, Director Pratt Institute Library School, Chairman.

Library Post — J. H. Canfield, Librarian Columbia University, Chairman.

The Southern Library Movement — Papers by Anne Wallace, Mary Hannah Johnson, William Beer, W. F. Yust, P. L. Windsor, and others.

“San Francisco Libraries after the Fire” — J. L. Gillis, State Librarian, California.

8.15 P.M. Commercial Round Table.

In charge of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Administration.

John R. Anderson Co.

University of Chicago Press.

Library Bureau.

8.30 P.M. Bibliographical Society of America.

First session.

Address — William C. Lane, Librarian Harvard University, President.

Reports of the Council, Secretary, Treasurer, Committees on Incunabula, Americana, Colonial Newspapers, Colonial Laws, International Catalog, Bulletin of the Society.

The First Presses of the Southern States:

Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama, by Dr Thomas M. Owen, Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History; North Carolina, by Dr Stephen B. Weeks (to be read by title); South Carolina, by A. S. Salley, Jr, Secretary of the South Carolina Historical Commission; Tennessee, by Edwin Wiley, Library of Congress.

Monday, May 27

9.30 A.M. Third general session.

Reports of Committees.

Cooperation with the National Educational Association — Mary E. Ahern, Editor *Public Libraries*, Chairman.

Title Pages to Periodicals — W. I. Fletcher, Librarian, Amherst College, Chairman.

Social Education Congress — H. G. Wadlin, Librarian, Boston Public Library, Chairman.

Paper — F. B. Gilbert, for the American Association of Law Libraries.

Paper — “The Public Library, — an Old Term with a New Meaning,” H. E. Legler, for the League of Library Commissions.

Joint Session with the National Association of State Libraries; James L. Gillis in the chair.

Paper — T. M. Owen, Director Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, and others.

2.30 P.M. League of Library Commissions. Second session.

Bibliographical Society of America. Second session.

The Bibliographical Work of State Libraries.

Discussion opened by J. L. Gillis, President of the National Association of State Librarians, and California State Librarian; T. L. Montgomery, Pennsylvania State Librarian; and G. S. Godard, Connecticut State Librarian.

A Handbook of Special Collections in American Libraries.

Discussion opened by the President of the Society, joint author with C. K. Bolton of "Notes on Special Collections in American Libraries," Cambridge, 1892; C. W. Andrews, Librarian of the John Crerar Library, Chicago; N. D. C. Hodges, Librarian of the Cincinnati Public Library; and Dr E. C. Richardson, Librarian of Princeton University.

Children's Librarians' Section. Alice M. Jordan, Custodian Children's Department, Boston Public Library, Chairman.

8.15 P.M. American Association of Law Libraries.

First session. A. J. Small, Curator, Law Department, Iowa State Library, President.

Tuesday, May 28

9.30 A.M. Fourth general session.

The Use of Books.

Art — Katharine Patten, Librarian Minneapolis (Minn.) Athenæum.

Natural Sciences — Dr E. J. Nolan, Librarian Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.

Useful Arts — C. J. Barr, Assistant Librarian, The John Crerar Library, Chicago.

Technology — G. W. Lee, Research Librarian, Stone & Webster, Boston.

Patents — Captain Howard A. Prince, U. S. Patent Office.

Report of Committee on Public Documents.

Discussion led by C. A. Stillings, Public Printer, and William L. Post, Superintendent of Documents.

2.30 P.M. College and reference section. Second session.

National Association of State Libraries. Second session.

8.15 P.M. American Association of Law Libraries. Second session.

Catalog section. Second session.

Round table devoted to the cataloging and recataloging of small libraries.

Harriet B. Gooch, Chief of Catalog Division, Louisville (Ky.) Public Library.

Julia T. Rankin, Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Ga.

Wednesday, May 29

9.30 A.M. Fifth general session.

The Use of Children's Books for the Children's Librarian's Section.

Report of Committee on Library Work with the Blind, N. D. C. Hodges, Librarian Cincinnati (Ohio) Public Library, Chairman.

Discussion opened by John Thomson, Librarian Free Library of Philadelphia.

Libraries and Free Lectures — Dr H. M. Leipziger, Supervisor, New York City.

The Use of Books.

Medical — S. H. Ranck, Librarian Public Library, Grand Rapids, Mich.

History — E. C. Richardson, Librarian Princeton University.

Fiction — A. E. Bostwick, New York Public Library.

Report from Council and Executive Board.

Report of Tellers of Election.

Introduction of president-elect.

Unfinished business.

Adjournment.

CLEMENT W. ANDREWS

MRS S. C. FAIRCHILD

J. I. WYER, JR

Program Committee

TRAVEL COMMITTEE

An effort has been made in the following statement to anticipate any and every question which may be raised by those intending to be present at the conference.

The Travel Committee requests a careful reading of the detailed information subjoined.

Railroad Rates

The Travel Committee has at last (April 27) received from the railroads the schedule of rates made for the Asheville meeting. These are granted to members of the A. L. A., and others desiring to travel by them should join the Association. Dues \$3.00, payable either now or on arrival at Asheville.

Tickets are on sale May 20, 21, 22, and will be good returning, leaving Asheville up to and including June 12. Stop-overs returning are not allowed except at Washington and Philadelphia.

Those from points in the country not covered below should buy ticket to nearest point from which special rate is made and there purchase special ticket. Interview your ticket agent at least three days before leaving home, so that he may have proper ticket ready.

South

All members attending the meeting from points south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, and east of the Mississippi, including Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis, can secure a round-trip ticket to Asheville for one fare, plus 25 cents, based on tariff in force Jan. 1, 1907. Ask for A. L. A. convention rate.

New England and North Atlantic States

(See also special eastern party plan, p. 8)

Those members from Buffalo, Pittsburgh and all points east thereof and north of Washington may purchase tickets on the basis of round-trip to Asheville for 1 1-3 regular fare to Washington, and one fare, plus 25 cents, thence to Asheville.

Ask for tickets on account of A. L. A. convention at Asheville. The rate for round-trip from principal eastern points will thus be as follows:

Washington	15.20
Philadelphia	19.75
New York City	22.75
Boston (all rail)	29.95
Albany (all rail)	26.90
Buffalo	29.40
Pittsburgh	25.90

Sleeper from New York to Asheville, \$5.00 each way.

“ “ Washington “ 3.00 “

Central West

(See also special western party plan, p. 9)

I. A. L. A. RATE.—The Central Passenger Association (territory north of Ohio river, east of and including Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, and west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh) grants the A. L. A. a rate for round-trip to Asheville, based on 2 cents a mile flat north of Ohio river, and one fare, plus 25 cents, the rest of the way. These tickets are on sale May 20, 21, 22, and are good returning till June 12. Ask for ticket at authorized rate for A. L. A. Convention, and certificate, if necessary.

Fare from Chicago to Asheville and return	\$24.15
Pullman, Chicago to Asheville, each way	4.50
Pullman, Cincinnati to Asheville, each way	3.00

Important Notice to Western Members

II. JAMESTOWN RATE.—Those intending to go to the Jamestown Exposition from Asheville should *not* use the A. L. A. rate, but will find it more advantageous to use Exposition rates to Norfolk, Va., and return, which will allow stop-over during conference and post-conference at Asheville, and will also permit stop-overs within limits of the tickets as follows:

Q. & C. ROUTE.—Burgin, Burnside, Danville, Glen Mary, Greenwood, Harriman Junction, Helenwood, Junction City, Kings Mountain, Lansing, Lexington, McKinney, Moreland, Nicholasville, Oakdale, Pineknot, Somerset, Sunbright, Winfield.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.—Alexandria, Va., Asheville, Hot Springs, N. C.,
Knoxville, Morristown, Oliver Springs, Tenn.

Stop-over not exceeding ten days within final limit will be allowed at Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., Boston, Mass., and New York City, in either direction, on season and sixty-day excursion tickets, by deposit of ticket, immediately on arrival, with station ticket agent of rail line, or wharf agent of steamer line, over which ticket reads from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston or New York, who will attach standard stop-over certificate to ticket, returning same to passenger not earlier than one hour before departure of train or steamer on which journey will be resumed from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston or New York. All Jamestown tickets must be validated at Norfolk or Old Point Comfort.

The Exposition rates from Chicago to Norfolk and return are as follows (corresponding rates from other points):

Season ticket to Norfolk and return, via Asheville	\$30.95
Sixty-day ticket to Norfolk and return, via Asheville	27.75
Fifteen-day " " " " " " " "	22.85
Season ticket to Norfolk via Asheville, return via steamer to Washington (berth and meals extra) and any direct line to Chicago	30.95

Sixty-day ticket for same	\$27.75
Season ticket to Norfolk via Asheville, steamer to New York (berth included, but meals extra), or steamer to Washington (berth and meals extra) and direct line to New York, thence any standard line to Chicago	39.80
Sixty-day ticket for same	33.25
For return, via any differential line, New York to Chicago, <i>subtract</i> . . .	1.40
For tickets to return, via Boston, <i>add</i> to above rates about	5.00

III. HOMESEEKERS' RATE.— Tickets good for thirty days, permitting stop-over in North Carolina. Members from north and west of Chicago who intend to return from Asheville without going to Jamestown should use Homeseekers' rates. Homeseekers' tickets (rate, one fare, plus \$2.00) are available from points as far north as Minneapolis and as far west as Omaha, but these tickets *require the holders to start on May 21*. They can be used advantageously only by such members as live beyond Chicago, for the difference in fare from Chicago itself, in favor of the Homeseekers' ticket (\$3.85) has not been thought to outweigh cost of additional day at hotel and the loss of time.

Special Parties

As in past years, many members prefer to travel together to and from the point of meeting. Friends of members are welcome to join these parties on payment of \$3.00.

The Travel Committee therefore announces

A special Eastern party, via Washington, to include all starting from points east of Ohio, and a special Western party, via Cincinnati, to accommodate all from central west and northwest.

EASTERN PARTY.— Notify Frederick W. Faxon, 34 Newbury St., Boston, of intention to join this party, and send deposit of \$5.00 *before May 10*. (Note, p. 9.)

Each member must buy his own railroad transportation from starting-point to Asheville and return. Ask for A. L. A. round-trip ticket, and see that it is routed over N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. from Boston, via Harlem River transfer steamer Maryland, Pennsylvania R.R. from New York to Washington, and Southern Railway, Washington to Asheville.

ITINERARY.— May 22. Leave Boston, N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., Colonial Express, 9 A.M., passing through Providence, New London and New Haven. Arrive Washington 9.44 P.M. Dining-car dinner and basket supper will be provided. Party will use special coach to Washington and find sleeper there. Parlor-car seats will be reserved for \$2.25 extra, if desired.

May 22.—Leave New York City, Pennsylvania R.R., 4.25 P.M., West Philadelphia 6.50 P.M., Baltimore 9.15 P.M. Arrive Washington 10.20 P.M. Special Pullman cars from New York to Asheville without change. New York and

Philadelphia passengers can purchase *a la carte* supper on dining-car. Philadelphia people should note that train does *not* run into Broad street station, but must be taken at West Philadelphia.

The combined eastern party will leave Washington about 11 P.M., via Southern Railway, by special train, arriving at Asheville May 23, not later than 2.15 P.M. Breakfast and dinner on special dining-car, thus getting by daylight the magnificent mountain views as Asheville is approached.

Rates

(Pullman and meals, exclusive of railroad tickets)

Boston or Providence to Asheville	. . . . .	\$6.75
New Haven	. . . . .	5.75
New York or Newark (does not include supper May 22)	. . . . .	7.00
Philadelphia (does not include supper May 22)	. . . . .	6.50
Baltimore	. . . . .	5.50
Washington	. . . . .	5.00

NOTE.— All desiring reservations with this Eastern party must make deposit of \$5.00 before May 10 with F. W. Faxon of Travel Committee, 34 Newbury St., Boston, and send remainder of amount due for sleeper and meals before May 18. Notice of reservation will be sent each applicant on May 15.

WESTERN PARTY.— Notify Charles H. Brown, of Travel Committee, care John Crerar Library, Chicago, at once, and deposit with him \$4.50 to secure Pullman accommodation from Chicago, or \$3.00 if from Cincinnati.

Members of this party will travel on either A. L. A. tickets, Jamestown Exposition tickets, or Homeseekers' tickets (see explanation of advantages of each under "Central West," p. 7). Be sure ticket is routed from Chicago to Cincinnati over the "Monon," from Cincinnati to Asheville (or Norfolk) over Queen & Crescent, and the Southern Railway.

ITINERARY.— May 22. Leave Chicago at noon over Monon route (Dearborn street station), reaching Cincinnati at 8.00 P.M., and leaving at 8.10 P.M. over Queen & Crescent R.R. by regular train, or special, if we have a sufficient number. Due at Asheville not later than 1.25 P.M. Pullmans from Chicago to Asheville without change.

Those who so desire may leave Chicago Tuesday night, May 21, stopping over Wednesday at Cincinnati and joining the main party Wednesday night. This will require a change of railroad stations in Cincinnati and an increase of 50 cents in Pullman fare. Meals *en route* are of course extra.

Ocean Trip

Those desiring to go from Boston, Providence, or New York by steamer to Norfolk and thence by rail to Asheville, may get particulars and rate on application to Travel Committee, or to Old Dominion Line, New York City, or Merchants & Miners Transportation Co., Boston or Providence.

Post-conference Trip, May 29 to June 7, Personally Conducted

As Toxaway Inn will not be open at this season, Hot Springs, N. C., has been determined upon for the post-conference trip. This is thirty-eight miles northwest of Asheville, and offers not only beautiful mountain scenery, situated as it is among the lofty peaks of the Southern Appalachian range, where the Blue Ridge joins the Great Smokies, but also the unique attraction of hot mineral springs. The commodious Mountain Park Hotel will be headquarters, and here large marble bathing pools have been provided, fed by the natural hot water from the springs. Many beautiful excursions may be made from this point as a base.

Leaving Hot Springs Monday, June 3, we pass through by daylight all the mountain scenery as we travel east, and arrive early Tuesday morning at Norfolk, and are soon enjoying the Jamestown Exposition. As all hotels except the Inside Inn are nearly an hour's ride from the grounds, that has been chosen as headquarters for our three-days' stay.

The trip will close with the charming excursion up Chesapeake bay and the beautiful Potomac river to Washington, where the party will break up. Many will wish to stay here some days, while others will proceed home at once.

ITINERARY

May 29 Leave Asheville 3.20 P.M. Southern Railway.
Arrive Hot Springs 4.45 P.M.
Stay at Mountain Park Hotel May 29, afternoon, to June 3, morning.

June 3 Leave Hot Springs 11.43 central time.
Leave Asheville. Southern Railway. 2.35 Eastern time.

June 4 Arrive Norfolk, Va., 10 A.M.
Trolley to Exposition; 45 minutes' ride.
Stay at Inside Inn. European plan.

June 4 Morning, to Friday, June 7, morning.

June 7 Leave Norfolk (Norfolk & Washington S.S. Co.) 8 A.M.
Arrive Washington, D. C., 7 P.M.
Here party disbands.

Expense, \$31.25

This to be paid F. W. Faxon before May 27, includes railroad ticket, Asheville to Hot Springs and return, room (with one person) and meals, Mountain Park Hotel, transfers for passengers and baggage, sleeper to Norfolk, meals *en route*, and room at Inside Inn. In short, everything except railroad ticket, Asheville to Norfolk, and steamer ticket and meals on steamer, Norfolk to Washington, first admission to Exposition, and meals at Inside Inn.

NOTE.—Those desiring single room at Hot Springs, add \$3.00. Room with bath at Hot Springs, add \$5.00. Single room at Inside Inn, add \$3.00. Members of Eastern party holding return tickets from Asheville north via Washington, add \$8.15 for side trip to Jamestown, thence to Washington by steamer. Should any person not have railroad transportation to Norfolk on his regular ticket, the Exposition rate for round-trip from Asheville is \$15.75, limit fifteen days.

It will be necessary to notify F. W. Faxon, 34 Newbury Street, Boston, as early as possible of your intention to take this trip, which he hopes to conduct

personally. The Inside Inn requires deposit of \$5.00 to hold a room, this amount to apply toward bill, and rooms there are rapidly being booked. Immediate application is therefore very necessary. State amount of baggage to be checked, and whether trunks or handbags.

Hot Springs, N. C.

Those wishing to take the five-day Hot Springs trip only may do so with the party, at a cost of \$14.50, two in a room. For single room add \$3.00, for room with bath add \$5.00.

Jamestown Exposition

For those who wish to go direct to the Jamestown Exposition, leaving Asheville on adjournment of convention, May 29, reservation of sleeper-berth to Norfolk and room at Inside Inn for any number of days required will be made. \$5.00 deposit to secure room at Inside Inn should be sent to F. W. Faxon, 34 Newbury St., Boston, stating dates required. Single rooms, European plan, \$3.50 per day, rooms for two, \$2.50 each person per day. This party leaves Asheville May 29, 2.35 P.M., arriving at Norfolk, Va., May 30, 10 A.M.

Hotels

Applications for rooms in the Battery Park Hotel have been so numerous that it will be necessary to place late applicants in another nearby hotel, with which arrangements have been made.

It has been found impossible in a number of cases to meet the wishes of members as regards single beds. Applications have been booked in order of their receipt. The supply of single beds and cots was exhausted some time ago. A postal card will be sent to each applicant stating the arrangements that have been made, and asking for immediate confirmation as a guarantee that the member will be present. Will every one who reads this notice, whether depending upon the Travel Committee or not for hotel accommodations, kindly notify these offices so that a full advance register of those intending to be present may be prepared?

Hotel Rates to Members

Special reduced rates, including meals, have been secured at the Battery Park Hotel, as follows:—

\$2.50 each per day, two in a room, double bed.

\$2.75 each per day, two in a room, bed and cot.

(The Committee has already assigned all available rooms of this class.)

\$3.50 each per day, two in a room, double bed, with private bath.

\$3.50 per day, one in a room.

\$3.75 each per day, two in a room, bed and cot, with private bath.

(The Committee has already assigned all available rooms of this class.)

\$4.50 per day, single room with private bath.

The above rates will obtain also in the other hotels to which the overflow must be sent.

Those desiring rooms in the Battery Park and other hotels will please apply to the Travel Committee direct, addressing all communications prior to May 17 to 34 Newbury Street, Boston; after May 17 to E. C. Hovey, Battery Park Hotel, Asheville.

Boarding Houses

Accommodations can be had in boarding houses, recommended to the Travel Committee by the local committee in Asheville, at \$10.00 per week.

Those wishing accommodations in boarding houses must apply to W. F. Randolph, Secretary Board of Trade, Asheville.

Notes from Headquarters

Membership

Calling attention to the appeal, "Your Personal Duty," signed by the individual members of the Committee on Headquarters, it may be of interest to note that the Association now numbers within its membership 110 libraries, as against 34 on Dec. 31, 1905, and that our total membership is approximately 2,000, as compared with 1,253 on that same date.

An increase to a total membership of 3,500, including 500 library members, should be easy of accomplishment between now and the first day of January, 1908. Such an increase would give the Association an income sufficiently large to warrant it in continuing Headquarters and in taking up new lines of work which are constantly presenting themselves. If two hundred others will do as well as several of our members, who have added from five to ten each to our roll, the Association will be able to vigorously prosecute its mission of helpfulness.

Annual Dues

We are able to report a very satisfactory return in response to the request that members should remit their dues without awaiting the receipt of bills. Will members whose annual dues still remain unpaid kindly remit to this office before the Asheville conference, as the Treasurer is desirous of having as full returns as possible at that time?

Publicity

Arrangements have been made with the Associated Press to have its representative present. He will send out copy every day by wire, which copy will be distributed to the papers of the country. It is intended to place in the hands of the Associated Press, two weeks before the Conference, copies of every paper to be read. If such plan can be carried out the Associated Press will be able to make many copies of these papers and furnish them to the newspapers of the country to be printed, when released by those in charge. Members of the Association who intend to go to Asheville are urged to arrange with their local newspaper to act as correspondent during the conference, thus supplementing effectively the work of the Associated Press.